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U of M Crookston to Co-sponsor Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2013

*By Itollefs on Monday, January 14, 2013*The public is invited to the first area-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration taking place in Grand Forks, N.D., on Monday, Jan. 21, 2013. The activities begin at 11 a.m. with a Unity Walk from Central High School to the Empire Arts Center. A program begins at noon in the Empire Arts Center with Chancellor Fred Wood bringing greetings on behalf of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Following the program, there will be a community social and refreshments will be served. The day's activities are free and everyone is welcome to attend. Attendees are asked to RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/mcss-mlk>. The Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration is hosted by the Era Bell Thompson Multicultural Center at the University of North Dakota (UND) in partnership with the U of M, Crookston Office of Diversity Programs, UND's Black Student Association, the U of M, Crookston Black Student Association and others.

This event is an opportunity for everyone to honor legacy of Dr. King. As the spokesperson for the nonviolent civil rights movement, King worked tirelessly. He was assassinated in 1968, and a day commemorating his legacy is held the third Monday of January each year. The observance was first held in January 1986, after being signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, but it wasn't until 2006 that the holiday became official in all 50 states.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 27 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 10 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umn-crookston.edu.

Video of the event: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDMKvVrO8jI>

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